

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraphs [0043] and [0045] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0043] Rear suspension system 110 can also include one or more vertical members. First vertical member 206 is connected to closed portion 222 of lower member 202 and to inner portion 230 of upper member 204. Similarly, a second vertical member 207 is (not shown) can be connected to closed portion 222 of lower member 202 and to inner portion 230 of upper member 204. Preferably, vertical member 206 is connected to the closed inner portion of lower member 202 and the closed inner portion of upper member 204. Vertical member 206 provides increased strength to suspension system 110 and rigidly secures upper member 204 to lower member 202.

[0045] Forward mounting plate 306 is secured to frame 106 and rear mounting plate 308 is attached to an upper portion of upper member 204 using a bar 316 and yoke 318. Yoke 318 is disposed between a first pair of mounting flanges 320 and 321. Preferably, mounting flanges 320 are proximate an upper apex 322 of upper member 204. Yoke 318 permits the mounting flanges 320 and 321 to pivot or rotate with respect to bar 316 and rear plate 308.